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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 789

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A RESOLUTION to designate a certain segment of U.S. Highway 11 in Bradley County as the "Sheriff Israel Smith Memorial Highway."

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those exemplary public servants who, during their lifetimes, contributed significantly to the prosperity and well-being of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Sheriff Israel Smith of Bradley County; and

WHEREAS, this valiant law enforcement officer was killed on March 14, 1922, while raiding a whiskey still in an area of Bradley County known as Owl Hollow; he is the only Bradley County sheriff to die in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Bradley County Sheriff Dan Gilley and other members of the Bradley County law enforcement community to name a section of highway in Bradley County in honor of this distinguished gentlemen, who dedicated himself to protecting the lives of

others, and the members of this legislative body most heartily concur with this proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the segment of U.S. Highway 11 from the Bradley/Hamilton County line to mile marker 5 in Bradley County is hereby designated as the "Sheriff Israel Smith Memorial Highway" as a lasting tribute to this exemplary law enforcement officer and his life of purpose and commitment to the public welfare.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers, both northbound and southbound, designating such segment of U.S. Highway 11 as the "Sheriff Israel Smith Memorial Highway."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall become operative only if the Federal Highway Administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall become operative only if the Bradley County Commission, either (1) remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the Department of Transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution, or (2) manufactures and erects such signs pursuant to state and federal guidelines and as approved by the Department. If electing option (1), the Bradley County Commission shall make such payment prior to any expenditure by the state for manufacture or installation of such signs. The Department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the Bradley County Commission within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, the Bradley County Commission shall remit an amount equal to the difference in

such costs to the Department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation and to the Bradley County Commission.